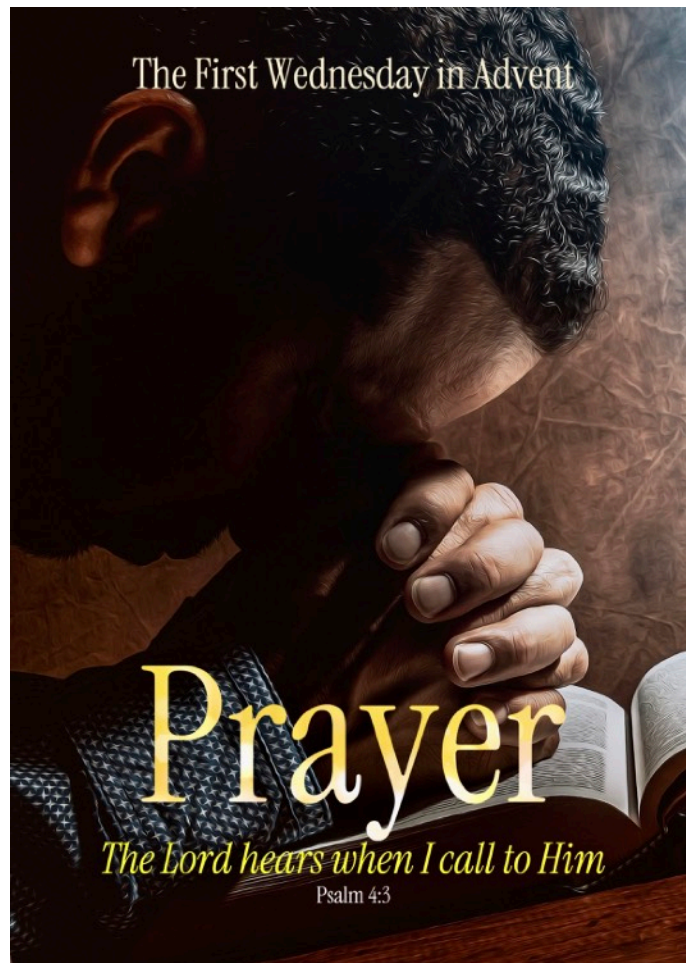


Oratio - Prayer



Wednesday, December 3, 2025

St. John's Lutheran Church, Schubert

stjohnslutheranjc.com

4409 Saint Johns Road, Jefferson City, MO 65101

Pastor: Rev. Ryan Groh - groh.stjohns@gmail.com

Midweek Advent Services

Prayer, Meditation, and Affliction: The Life of the Christian

Are My Children Welcome? Our Lord says, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, your little ones are more than welcome! We are delighted to have them with us in the service!

Visitors: Welcome to St. John's! If you have not already done so, please fill out the visitor's book outside of the sanctuary. If don't yet have a church home, or have any questions about what we believe, teach, and confess, feel free to speak with Pastor; he would be happy to talk with you!

Ring of the Bell - Prelude - Welcome

Opening Hymn TLH 647 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep And dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy darkness shineth The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears Of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, The angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing To God the King, And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, The wondrous Gift is giv'n!
So God imparts To human hearts The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will Receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin And enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell:
Oh, come to us, Abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel! Amen.

Opening Versicles

P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

C: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Introit (P: Pastor C: Congregation) Psalm 4

P: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was in distress.

C: Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

P: O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

C: How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

P: But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself;

C: the Lord hears when I call to him.

P: Be angry, and do not sin;

ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

C: Offer right sacrifices,

and put your trust in the Lord.

P: There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?"

C: Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!"

P: You have put more joy in my heart

than they have when their grain and wine abound.

C: In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

First Reading – Psalm 119:17-24

- ¹⁷ Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.
- ¹⁸ Open my eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.
- ¹⁹ I am a sojourner on the earth;
hide not your commandments from me!
- ²⁰ My soul is consumed with longing
for your rules at all times.
- ²¹ You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones,
who wander from your commandments.
- ²² Take away from me scorn and contempt,
for I have kept your testimonies.
- ²³ Even though princes sit plotting against me,
your servant will meditate on your statutes.
- ²⁴ Your testimonies are my delight;
they are my counselors.

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Second Reading – Romans 8:22-27

²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Third Reading – Mark 1:35-39

³⁵ And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷ and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” ³⁸ And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Sermon Hymn TLH 56 "Jesus Came, the Heav'ns Adoring"

Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring, Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came for man's redemption, Lowly came on earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Came in deep humility.

Jesus comes again in mercy, When our hearts are bowed with care;
Jesus comes again in answer To an earnest, heart-felt prayer,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Comes to save us from despair.

Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing, Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness, Leading souls redeemed to heav'n.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Now the gate of death is riv'n.

Jesus comes in joy and sorrow, Shares alike our hopes and fears;
Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us, Glads our hearts, and dries our tears;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Cheering e'en our failing years.

Jesus comes on clouds triumphant When the heav'ns shall pass away;
Jesus comes again in glory. Let us, then, our homage pay,
Alleluia! ever singing Till the dawn of endless day. Amen.

The Sermon

Offertory Hymn TLH 644 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

△ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Magnificat

P: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

C: for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

P: For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name; and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

C: He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

P: He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

C: He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

P: He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

Prayers

Kyrie

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you. C: And with thy spirit.

Collects

The Benedicamus

P: Bless we the Lord. C: Thanks be to God

The Benediction

Closing Hymn TLH 70 "Hosanna to the Living Lord"

Hosanna to the living Lord! Hosanna to the th' Incarnate Word!
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King, Let earth, let heav'n, hosanna sing.

O Savior, with protecting care, Abide in this Thy house of prayer,
Where we Thy parting promise claim, Assembled in Thy sacred name.

But, chiefest, in our cleansed breast, Eternal, bid Thy Spirit rest
And make our secret soul to be A temple pure and worthy Thee.

So in the last and dreadful Day, When earth and heav'n shall melt away,
Thy flock, redeemed from sinful stain, Shall swell the sound of praise again. Amen.

* * * * *

Cover pic artwork: Allan Forbis

The Lutheran Hymnal: St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, © 1941.

Hymn #647: Scripture: Micah 5:2; O Little Town Of Bethlehem; Author: Phillips Brooks (1868, ab.); Tune: St. Louis; Composer: Lewis H. Redner (1868).

Hymn # 56: Text: Zechariah 9:9; Jesus Came, The Heav'ns Adoring; A. Godfrey Thring (864); Tune: Sieh, Hier Bin Ich; Source: "Geisreiches Gesangbuch," Dormstadt, 1698.

Hymn #644: Psalm 150:1; Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow' Author: Thomas Ken (1695); Tune: Old Hundreth; Source: Geneven Psalter," 1551.

Hymn #70: Scripture: Matthew 21:9; Hosanna To The Living Lord; Author: Reginald Heber (1811. 1827, ab.); Tune: Vom Himmel hoch; ; Source: "Geisliche Lieder," Leipzig, 1539.

Bible Readings: The Holy Bible, English Standard Version. ESV® Text Edition: 2016. Copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers.

* * * * *



Schubert Midweek Advent Services:

December 3rd, 7:00pm

December 10th, 7:00pm

December 17th, 7:00pm

Prayer, Meditation, and Affliction:
The Life of the Christian